

## CHAPTER CCXLIX.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ANOTHER ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The only Asylum for the insane of North Carolina, for the cure, comfort and care of her insane, is insufficient for the accommodation of all this afflicted class, and on account thereof a large number are confined in jails or remain at home deprived of such proper treatment as would tend to their recovery; therefore,

Commissioners to  
superintend erec-  
tion of Asylum at  
Morganton.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That Nerens Mendenhall, of Guilford, Dr. Eugene Grissom, of Wake, Hon. W. A. Graham, of Orange, Thomas G. Walton, of Burke, and Dr. M. Whitehead, of Rowan, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to superintend the construction of an asylum for the insane of the State of North Carolina, to be located within three miles of Morganton, North Carolina, and known as the Western Insane Asylum of North Carolina, and to that end they, the said commissioners, are hereby authorized to purchase for the State a suitable tract of land for the purpose herein contemplated: *Provided*, That if any person or persons shall make a free gift to the State of a suitable tract of land for the situation of said Asylum of not less than one hundred (100) acres, the said commissioners are hereby authorized to receive a deed of the same *in trust* for the use and benefit of the said Asylum.

Proviso.

Duty of commis-  
sioners.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the said commissioners, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, as soon as a suitable tract of land shall have been secured, to commence and carry on the work contemplated as economically as possible; and to that end they may employ such convicts in the Penitentiary as can be spared by the authorities of the same and can be made available: *Provided*, That said Asylum shall be constructed in an approved and workman

Proviso.